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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR FEBRUARY-MARCH 1977 SESSION OF ILO GOVERNING

BODY (GB)

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1. IN ACCORDANCE REFTTEL, LABATT CALLED ON MFA/IO ACTING DIRECTOR GEORG LENKH FEBRUARY 10 AND ON HEAD OF SOCIAL (LABOR) MINISTRY'S LABOR LAW AND POLICY DEPARTMENT, DR. OSWIN MARTINEK, TOGETHER WITH HIS DEPUTY FOR INTERNATIONAL LABOR AND SOCIAL POLICY, DR. HEINZ-MICHAEL MELAS, ON FEBRUARY 11. MELAS IS AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT DEPUTY MEMBER ON GB; HE WILL BE ASSISTED AT GENEVA PRINCIPALLY BY DR. HEIRICH QUERNER OF AUSTRIAN PERMANENT MISSION BUT ALSO BY AUSTRIA'S NEW AMBASSADOR THERE, DR. ERIK NETTEL, FORMER HEAD OF MFA INTERNATIONAL LWA DEPARTMENT.

2. AUSTRIANS CONFIRMED GOA SUPPORT FOR ARTICLE 17 AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY USG AND FOR EFFORT TO CLOSE BOOK ON 1974 ISRAELI CONDEMNATION RESOLUTION AS DG HAS RECOMMENDED. AUSTRIANS OF COURSE NOTED THAT THEY WERE NOT VOTING
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MEMBERS OF GB BUT WELCOMED CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WITH AMERICANS AT GENEVA AND OFFERED TO ASSIST AS POSSIBLE IN DISCUSSIONS AND CORRIDOR WORK. MELAS WAS PARTICULARLY POSITIVE ABOUT US-PROPOSED AMENDMENT, SUBSTANCE AND ADVANTAGES OF WHICH HE PROCEEDED TO DESCRIBE IN DETAIL TO LESS-WELL-INFORMED MARTINEK UPON FIRST MENTION BY LABATT.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES MELAS AS WELL AS AMBASSADOR
NETTEL, WITH WHOM IT WORKED CLOSELY HERE IN VIENNA,
COULD BE OF PARTICULAR ASSISTANCE IN DISCUSSIONS AND
CORRIDOR WORK IN SUPPORT OF US POSITIONS. MEEHAN

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